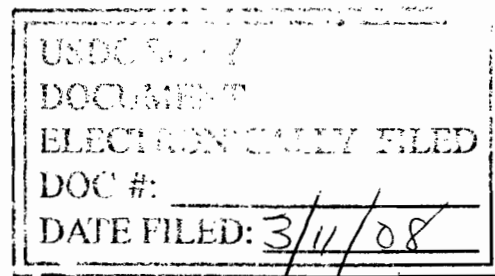


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In Re: Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether ("MTBE") Products Liability Litigation

Re: County of Suffolk, et al v. Amerada-Hess Corporation, et al

Request to Stay Entering Order to Preclude Dr. Belpoggi

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Dear Judge Scheindlin:

Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court temporarily stay entering an order precluding Dr. Belpoggi as an expert witness and order defendant ExxonMobil to provide to plaintiffs the documents they admit to having received from the National Toxicology Program ("NTP"), through their participation in the National Petroleum Refiner's Association ("NPRA"). Plaintiffs are not asking for reconsideration of the Court's ruling. Rather, plaintiffs merely request the Court to delay entering the order pending plaintiffs' review of the information that is in defendants' possession.

Plaintiffs have not seen the documents produced to the NPRA by the NTP, and they cannot get them from Dr. Belpoggi. Because plaintiffs have no relationship with the NPRA, we find ourselves in the unusual position of defendants having documents relating to Dr. Belpoggi's study to which we do not have access. While defendants represented on the teleconference that the information contained in the documents (our recollection of the representation of Brian McGill, Esq., counsel for ExxonMobil, is that there are approximately 2000 document in the

The Court will stay entry of the proposed order regarding the preclusion of Dr. Belpoggi as an expert witness until one week following defendant's production of the NPRA material to plaintiffs' counsel.

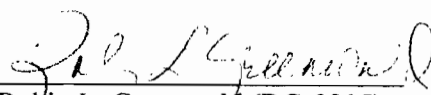
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Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin
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production) is not the type of detailed information that they previously requested produced by Dr. Belpoggi, plaintiffs would like the opportunity to review them before this Court enters an order based on today's teleconference.

If the Court grants plaintiffs' request, plaintiffs will review the documents within seven days of receiving them from defendants and will seek further relief from the Court only if the documents contain the information that the Court ruled necessary for Dr. Belpoggi's testimony as an expert witness.

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